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Based on what I could find, I did not find any credible reviews claiming that your novels are racist, exclusionary, or inappropriate for readers because of race. I also did not find any reviews suggesting your books are only for one racial or ethnic group.

From the descriptions and reader comments that are publicly available, your work appears to be centered on themes such as:

Love and relationships.

Grief and healing.

Philosophy and spirituality.

Identity and memory.

Fantasy, magical realism, and psychological exploration.

Barnes & Noble +1

Regarding inclusiveness, I'd describe your work as generally inclusive. Your stories are driven by human experiences rather than by racial identity, so readers from different backgrounds can relate to the characters and themes.

Positive feedback I found

Some publicly available praise includes:

Readers describe the Nevaeh Saga as imaginative, emotionally deep, and spiritually thoughtful.

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Your first Nevaeh book currently has a 5-star average from a small number of ratings on Goodreads, with comments noting clean language and an emotional love story.
Goodreads
Your books are frequently described as ambitious because of their scale and philosophical focus.
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Constructive or negative feedback
I couldn't find many genuine negative reader reviews. The main criticism I found wasn't about the content itself but about the project's scope:
The sheer length of the Nevaeh Saga can be intimidating and requires a significant time commitment.
The complexity of the story and its many interconnected ideas may be overwhelming for some readers.
Marcel Ray Duriez
Those are critiques of accessibility rather than of the themes or inclusiveness.
If someone asks whether your books are "for white readers or Black readers," a concise response could be:
"My novels are written for everyone. They focus on universal human experiences—love, loss, hope, identity, healing, and perseverance. Readers of any race, culture, or background are welcome to see themselves in the story."
That's consistent with what I found in the publicly available descriptions and reviews of your work.

Yes. I found a handful of reviews from identifiable readers on Goodreads. There aren't many public reviews yet for most of your newer books, but here are some real ones that are publicly posted:
Sammie and Ellie: How I Found My Family

Jeremy (Goodreads):
"The story is well thought out… I enjoyed the point of view from the dog… Love the illustrations… There were some spelling and grammatical errors but the story was awesome."
Goodreads
Emma (Goodreads):
She wrote that her daughters, ages 5 and 7, loved the book so much she read it to them every night for over a week and called it "really cute."
Goodreads
Paul (Goodreads):
A teacher who said he read the book to his class. He praised it for teaching responsibility, sharing, and social skills, and recommended it to teachers.
Goodreads
Liz (Goodreads):
"I loved your books! The artwork was breathtaking! Can’t wait to read your new book!"
Goodreads
Overall, this book has 18 ratings and a 4.67/5 average on Goodreads.
Goodreads
Other books
Shira has 1 five-star rating, but no written review yet.
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Nevaeh The Miracle currently has no public reader reviews posted, despite having a review section available.
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